

CHAPTER CCXXXt.

BRAHMA said:—Now I shall deal with the mode of practising the expiatory penances, which tend to extinguish all sins for which the Self of a man is consigned to the pangs of hell. Flies, ants, drops of water, water that lies accumulated on the surface of the earth, fire, cats, and ichneumons, are always pure* A twice-born one, who, through inadvertence, eats anything, which has been defiled by the touch of the residue of a S'udra's meal, shall fast for an entire day and night and regain his purity by taking Panchagavyam, A Br^hraana, . accidentally * touched by another Brihmana, who has not washed his mouth after eating, or happening to touch the residue of the meal of another Brahmana, shall bathe and recite the Mantras, and take his meal at the close of the day, A Brdhmana, happening to partake of a meal containing a tip of hair or a flea, shall regain his purity by vomiting out the ingested food. He, who takes a meal, held in the hollow of his palm, or on the tips of his fingers, or on his arms, shall regain his purity by fasting for an entire day and night. The residue of water, drunk with left-hand, is as impure as that which is contained in a leather-bag, and hence, that should not be drunk. A Brfhmana, in whose house a Chand&Ia lied concealed without his knowledge, shall effect his purification by

practising a
Par&ka, or a Chindrftyana penance, whereas a
S'udra house-
holder, "under the circumstances, shall practise a
Pr&j&patyam.
He, who takes any cooked food in the house
of a low-*
caste, shall practise a haK *Krichchha* penance.
He, who
eats meals belonging to these harbourers of
low-castes ID
their houses, shall perform a quarter part of
*Krickckka Vrafa**
A twice-born one having taken the food cooked
by a washer-
man, carpenter! cobbler, or of one who
manufactures article*